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wherein said microorganism is selected from the group consisting of the species *Klebsiella oxytoca* PRS1 (DSM 11009), *Klebsiella oxytoca* PRS1K17 (DSM 11623), *Arthrobacter ramosus* ID-620 (DSM 11350), *Bacillus* sp. ID-621 (DSM 11351), *Klebsiella planticola* ID-624 (DSM 11354), *Klebsiella pneumoniae* ID-625 (DSM 11355) and *Pseudomonas* sp. (DSM 11010).

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the telephonic interview conducted with the Examiner on March 3, 2004. Applicants believe that claims 36 and 40 as amended, address the rejections maintained by the Examiner in the Advisory Action issued on December 24, 2003.¹ Applicants request that all rejections be withdrawn and that the pending claims be allowed.

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¹ Applicants had indicated to the Examiner, that the mailing of this Advisory Action was improper in view of the Request for Continued Examination filed with the USPTO on September 13, 2003.